



“Esaki ta mi bario”

AHATA Environmental Committee announce the first island clean-up for 2007

Astrid Muller, President of the AHATA (Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association) announced on Monday afternoon another neighborhood clean-up, a part of the “Esaki ta mi bario” program will take place beginning this Saturday, June 2.

Last year, during the month of October, twelve neighborhoods, or “barrios” were targeted by AHATA for a clean-up effort by local residents, and the results were gratifying. During the first and third Saturday in June, SERLIMAR has arranged for large containers to be strategically situated in various neighborhoods for the receiving of refuse, which will then be hauled away to the dump.

The barrios targeted for June 2 are Piedra Plat, Dakota and Kustbatterij in San Nicolas. Organizers ask that neighborhood residents begin by cleaning their areas in front their homes, and organize groups to clean up around their neighborhood. They emphasized that individuals please be considerate about using this program to clean not only their yards, but also primarily the general neighborhood. Each area will be allotted ten containers, which will be available from 8:00 AM until noon. The neighborhoods scheduled for June 16 will be announced very soon.

Anky Bruin of AHATA suggests mobilizing within each neighborhood various groups, such as church groups, Scouts and schools to get out and clean the neighborhood. Anky can be contacted at 582-2607 to register a group and arrange for materials such as garbage bags.

Containers for dumping will be located just south of the Polis station in Piedra Plat, at the Centro di Bario Dakota and next to the green Scouts building in Kustbatterij. They will be staffed by volunteers from AHATA and Community Police, and there are restrictions regarding what will be accepted; please call Anky or Greta at 586-6066 ext 7002 for details.

The “Esaki ta mi bario” program is made possible through the cooperation of SERLIMAR, N.V., Aruba Time Share Association, Nourik N.V., RACSCO Dijkhoff Cleaning, and UNIPA. AHATA Environmental Committee members remind residents that keeping our island clean is a concern for all that live here; it is a matter of community pride and health. They encourage everyone to organize and donate their time to this important activity this Saturday!